

Context Clues: Using All Types

A. Directions: In each sentence, look for a context clue to help define the **boldfaced** word. Underline the type of context clue you found. Then, write the word's meaning.

1. Due to bad weather, the airline was forced to **postpone** our flight.
Restatement Comparison Contrast Cause-and-effect Example

Meaning: _____

2. Sarah was always **congenial**—easygoing and good company.
Definition Restatement Comparison Contrast Example

Meaning: _____

3. The weather is overcast, but tonight the clouds will **disperse**.
Definition Restatement Comparison Contrast Cause/effect

Meaning: _____

4. Like a giant ball, the earth is **spherical**.
Definition Comparison Contrast Cause/effect Example

Meaning: _____

5. The boss has **eccentric** traits: for example, he loves loud ties.
Definition Restatement Contrast Cause/effect Example

Meaning: _____

6. I suffer from fear of enclosed spaces, known as **claustrophobia**.
Definition Restatement Comparison Cause/effect Example

Meaning: _____

B. Directions: Read each word and its definition. Write a sentence that includes **both** the word and a context clue suggesting its meaning.

7. **incisive:** sharp; keen; penetrating

8. **paltry:** of small value; trifling
